Union Calendar No. 269

104TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 2137

[Report No. 104-555]

To amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to require the release of relevant information to protect the public from sexually violent offenders.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 27, 1995

Mr. ZIMMER (for himself, Ms. Dunn of Washington, and Mr. Deal of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

May 6, 1996

Additional sponsors: Mr. Fox of Pennsylvania, Mr. Ney, Mr. Stockman, Ms. Molinari, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Luther, Mr. Lobiondo, Mr. Bereuter, Mr. Gutknecht, Ms. Lofgren, Mr. Livingston, Mrs. Vucanovich, Mr. Foley, Mr. Hastings of Washington, Mr. Ballenger, Mr. Pete Geren of Texas, Mr. Bliley, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Hoke, Mr. English of Pennsylvania, Mr. Solomon, Ms. Pryce, Mr. McIntosh, and Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas)

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as "Megan's Law".
- 5 SEC. 2. RELEASE OF INFORMATION.
- 6 Section 170101(d)(3) of the Violent Crime Control
- 7 and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C.
- 8 14071(d)(3)) is amended by striking "may" and inserting
- 9 "shall".
- 10 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 11 This Act may be cited as "Megan's Law".
- 12 SEC. 2. RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND CLARIFICATION OF
- 13 PUBLIC NATURE OF INFORMATION.
- 14 Section 170101(d) of the Violent Crime Control and
- 15 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14071(d)) is
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 "(d) Release of Information.—
- 18 "(1) The information collected under a State reg-
- 19 istration program may be disclosed for any purpose
- 20 permitted under the laws of the State.
- 21 "(2) The designated State law enforcement agen-
- 22 cy and any local law enforcement agency authorized
- by the State agency shall release relevant information
- 24 that is necessary to protect the public concerning a

- 1 specific person required to register under this section,
- 2 except that the identity of a victim of an offense that
- 3 requires registration under this section shall not be
- 4 released.".

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